



**W**ILLIAM the Third, by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all the Nobility and Gentry of our Kingdoms of England, Scotland and Ireland, and to all other our Loving Subjects of what Degree and Quality soever, Greeting.

Whereas Richard Blome of London Gent. our Cosmographical Printer, hath represented unto us, that he hath Undertaken the Printing a New Survey, or Description of our Cities of LONDON and WESTMINSTER, with the Liberties and Parts adjacent; as also of the several AMERICAN PLANTATIONS, which will be Illustrated with a great many useful Ichnographical Maps of the Respective Wards and Parishes, together with Maps of the several Plantations, and other Ornamental Sculptures: The particulars of which said Work, will be set forth in his Papers of Proposals published in that behalf. And being given to understand by the Certificate of several persons of Honour, that the said Work will be of great use, and very acceptable to all our Loving Subjects, and especially to the Curious; We have thought fit at the Humble Request of the said Richard Blome, to Declare our Royal Approbation of the said Undertaking; And out of our Princely desire to promote all such commendable and useful Works, and the better to enable him to compleat the same, and Collect such Remarks as shall be thought necessary for that end; We do hereby earnestly Recommend the said Richard Blome, and this his Undertaking to you, and every of you, to the end that by your Assisting him in such particulars as shall be desired, together with your generous Subscriptions, he may be encouraged to perfect and finish the said Work. And whereas the said Richard Blome hath informed us, that he shall be at great expences for Printing the said Work, We being willing to give him all the Encouragement such a Work deserves, Do by these Presents, Grant to him the said Richard Blome, his Executors, Administrators and Assigns our Royal Licence for the Sole Printing and Vending the said Volume of the Survey, or Description of our said Cities of London and Westminster, with the Parts adjacent, together with the Description of our American Plantations, for the full Term of fourteen years from the date hereof, strictly charging and forbidding all our Subjects, within our Kingdoms and Dominions to Reprint the said Books in whole, or in part, or in any other Volume, or in any Language whatsoever, or to Copy or counterfeit any of the said Maps or Sculptures in the said Volume, and to vend the same, during the aforesaid Term of fourteen years, without the consent and approbation of the said Richard Blome, his Heirs, Executors or Assigns, by Writing under his or their Hands and Seals first obtained, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils; Whereof the Master, Wardens and Company of Stationers are to take notice, that the same may be entred in their Register, and that due obedience be yeilded thereunto. Given at our Court at Kensington the 27th day of November 1695, in the 7th year of our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command,

WILLIAM TRUMBALL.



# P R O P O S A L S

For the Printing a Description of the Cities of London and Westminster, with the Liberties and Parts adjacent, according to their present State. And for as much as our American Plantations are of such great concern in way of Trade, &c. to this City and Kingdom, there shall be Printed a Description thereof and that according to these particulars, by Richard Blome, his Majesty's Cosmographical Printer, Dwelling in New Weldstreet, at the Green Pallisado Pails, near Clare Market; where Proposals are delivered, and Subscriptions taken for the same, and where the Work may be Inspected every Tuesday and Thursday in the After noons.

For avoiding of Abuses, no Money to be paid, without a Printed Receipt Engraven on Copper, and signed by the said Richard Blome.

**F**inding that no Subject is so acceptable to the Generality, as that which concerns the Nation, and none more wanting, more useful, and more Honourable than an Historical Account of the Cities of London and Westminster, as also of the American Plantations; as to their present State: But finding that this Undertaking (which by Computation will make so large a Polio,) could not be so well performed, without his Majesty's Royal Countenance, as well from the several Officers in Church, State, and Civil Affairs, for the giving their Assistance in the Communicating of such things as are necessary to be taken notice of for completing the Works; as for an Encouragement by Subscriptions, for their private Libraries, and publick Halls, or Court Rooms of the Incorporated Companies and Societies, &c. the better to Embolden the said Richard Blome to carry on so Chargable a Work. And upon the Humble Petition of the said Richard Blome for the same, his Majesty (well approving of so Good a Work) was Graciously pleased to Grant these his Royal Letters Recommendatory, with his Royal Licence for the Sole Printing the said Work; upon which the said Richard Blome hath Undertaken the same, which shall be Digested into a Good Method by able Hands, and divided into three Parts, and that according to these particulars.

Part I. Will be a Topographical Description of the said Cities of London and Westminster, with the Parts adjacent, as to their Situation, Extent, Division into Wards, Liberties and Parishes; giving an Account of the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Courts. Of the Rivers, Aqueducts, Gates, Posterns, Towers, Cathedrals and other Churches, the Exchanges, Custom-house and Keys; the Colledges, Free-schools, Halls, Hospitals, Prisons, Houses of Correction, with other Buildings of note. The Inhabitants as to their Government, Trade and Commerce, their Ceremonies used at the Election of their Magistrates, with what is committed to their Care and Management, as well for the 26 Wards of London, as the Liberties of Westminster: Of the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Recorder, Aldermen and their Deputies, the Common-Council Men: The Steward and Head Bayliff of Westminster: Of Church-wardens, Constables, &c. with the respective Duties to be by them performed. The Courts of Judicature, the Judges and Chief Offices and Officers belonging to each Court. The Inns of Court and Chancery. The Incorporated Societies, and Companies of Merchants and Tradesmen, as to their Immunities, Government, Trade, &c.

Part II. Shall be a Geographical Description of the American Plantations, belonging to the Crown of England, viz. Barbados, Antego, Mevis, and other the Caribby Islands, Jamaica, Bermudes, Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pensilvania, New England, New York, New Jersey, &c. and that in a larger manner than hitherto done, as to their Situa-

tion, Climate, Extent, when first discovered, their Fertility, Commodities, Fruits, Plants, Cattle, Fowl, Fish, &c. with a Discourse of the Method of Planting, and making Sugar, Indico, Cotton, Ginger, Cocoa, &c. with the great Trade to the said Plantations, the great Advantages accruing thereby, with what other Improvements may be made in several of the said Plantations, to the Enrichment of the Planters in particular, and the Kingdom in general; with an account of the first and present Planters of note. And for the better Explanation, and use of those concern'd, there shall be several Maps, taken from the last Surveys or Draughts.

Part III. Viz. Honour Civil and Military; for these Cities being the Royal Seat and Chamber of the King, the Residence of the Nobility and Gentry, for the Management of the Affairs of the Nation in Peace and War, with the Grand Assembly of the High Court of Parliament; there shall be given an Account of his Majesty's Royal Prerogatives, as extracted out of Authentick Authors; with the chief Offices and Officers of Church and State. And as his Majesty is the Fountain of Honour, there shall be Chapters of each Degree of the Nobility, both Spiritual and Temporal, with their Priviledges, &c. together, with a List of their Names, &c. according to the Parliament Roll. There shall be also given the Priviledges, &c. enjoyed by the Gentry. And for the Explanation, and Illustration of the said VWork, there shall be Ichnographical Maps of the Wards of London, and the Parishes in Westminster, and Parts adjacent, taken from actual Surveys, by able hands, with the Additions of the Streets, Alleys and Courts, Built since the last Survey; together with Maps of the said American Plantations; and other Ornamental Sculptures, as to the prospect of Eminent Buildings, &c. Which said Work thus Embellished, with the Labouriousness in Collecting the several Remarks, by an Actual Survey of all the Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Courts, &c. as to their present State, and digested into a Geographical Method, never yet attempted by any, cannot but render it useful and acceptable: Yet in this VWork not only Stow, but all Authors of Note shall be consulted as to the Antiquities. For the Face of these Cities are so much altered to what they were, when Stow took his Remarks; Fields, Waste-Grounds, Gardens, and Great Houses being converted into Streets, Alleys, Courts, &c. Nay, Streets themselves altered, so that nothing can in the least be made use of, save only as to the Antiquities; and what shall be found therein Material shall be consulted, and taken notice of in their proper places; to the end that nothing tending to the Honour and Grandure of the City may be omitted, for the completing the said Undertaking. And as this VWork cannot but be acknowledged to be worthy of Encouragement, so 'tis hoped it will not be wanting: Wherefore the Undertaker Richard Blome Publishes these his Proposals.

## The P R O P O S A L S.

I. Those that please for the Advancement of so Good and Honourable a VWork, to Subscribe and pay to the said Richard Blome, or his lawful Assigns Thirty five shillings, shall have one of the said Books in Sheets; Fifteen shillings to be paid upon the delivery of a printed Receipt Engraven on Copper, and signed by the said Richard Blome, and Twenty shillings upon the delivery of one of the said Books in Sheets; and upon the Finishing publick notice shall be given, to the end the Subscribers may repair for their Books, bringing with them their said printed Receipts signed by the said Richard Blome. And as a Memorial of their Encouragements, there shall be printed at the beginning of the Book, a List of the Names and Titles of such Subscribers, that return the same to the said Richard Blome to be so inserted.

II. Those that please to be further Encouragers of the said VWork, may have their Names, Titles and Coats of Arms (so as allowed by the Heralds) Engraven to a Sculpture, paying the Charges thereof. And such as please may have the Prospect of their House Engraven, paying the Charges thereof, and supplying the said Richard Blome with a Draught of the same, and upon the Receipt of the Money for the same; the said Richard Blome to give his Receipt, with an Obligation that the same shall be printed to the said Books.

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*stons Church*; Mr. *Robert Clavel*, at the *Peacock* at the West end of *St. Pauls*, and Mr. *John Southby* at the *Harrow* in *Cornhill*, Book-sellers.

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For Advancement of the said Work, I promise to take of the said *Richard Blome*, his *Executors*, *Administrators*, or lawful *Assigns*, One of the said *Books*, and pay the *Money* due according to the first *Proposal* by me signed unto, Witness my Hand this day of Anno Domini 169

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The History of the Old and New Testament, treating of the most remarkable Transactions therein, with good and useful *Morals*, for the better government of our Actions in all Conditions. To which are added, the *Travels*, *Voyages* and *Lives* of the *Apostles*; with a large *Historical Chronology* of such Matters of Note that are related in the *Bible*: Collected and Translated by good Hands, from Authentick Authors. The whole Illustrated with about 240 *Sculptures*, of the most remarkable Passages, performed by good Artists, far surpassing any Collection hitherto done, to the end it may be the more acceptable to the Curious. This Work is Printed in Two Volumes in large Folio, of a fair Print, and chiefly designed for the Curious.

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